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Missionary Voice of the Church of the Nazarene

27 New Missionaries Under Appointment

LEBANON	Rev. and Mrs. Donald Reed of Kearny, New Jersey
PERU	Rev. and Mrs. Harry Flinner of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania
PERU	Miss Mary Miller, Bethany, Oklahoma
INDIA	Dr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, Wichita, Kansas
INDIA	Rev. and Mrs. William Pease, Claresholm, Alberta, Canada
JAPAN	Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett McKay, Chewelah, Washington
AFRICA	Miss Marjorie Stark, Greenville, Illinois
BOLIVIA	Rev. and Mrs. Dale Sievers, Bradley, Illinois
BRITISH HONDURAS	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashley, Temple City, California
TRINIDAD	Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Ratcliff, Exeter, California
TRINIDAD	Miss Ruth Saxon, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	Rev. and Mrs. Roy Copelin, Crescent City, California
PUERTO RICO	Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, San Antonio, Texas
GENERAL APPOINTMENT*	Miss Ruth Miller, Bethany, Oklahoma
	Miss Marjorie Peel, Grand Rapids, Michigan
	Miss Sylvia McDowell, R.N., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
	Miss Juanita Pate, R.N., Charleston, Missouri

*May be placed under specific appointment for a definite field during the fiscal year 1954-55.

Before the above appointments were made, there were 262 missionaries serving under the Church of the Nazarene in 29 world areas.

Furloughing Missionaries—1954

Armstrong, Rev. and Mrs. John, Bolivia
 Bradshaw, Alice Jane, Transvaal, Africa
 Bedwell, Rev. and Mrs. H. Kenneth, Swaziland, Africa
 Browning, Rev. and Mrs. David, British Honduras
 Bryant, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence, Guatemala
 Cooper, Mary, Portuguese East Africa
 Dixon, Kathyren, Transvaal, Africa
 Hendrix, Rev. and Mrs. Spurgeon, Argentina
 Hess, Rev. and Mrs. Harold, Guatemala
 Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Ray, Trinidad
 Parker, Bertha, Swaziland, Africa
 Pass, Hazel, Transvaal, Africa
 Rennie, Jessie, Transvaal, Africa
 Salmons, Rev. and Mrs. Norman, Transvaal, Africa
 Stark, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth, Transvaal, Africa
 Storey, Nellie, Swaziland, Africa
 Wellmon, Rev. and Mrs. Robert, Nicaragua

Previously Approved for Furlough

Blamey, Cyril, Transvaal, Africa
 Cochlin, Fairy, Portuguese East Africa
 Eckel, Rev. and Mrs. W. A., Japan
 Evans, Miriam, Transvaal, Africa
 Grose, Bessie, Portuguese East Africa
 Hewson, Abigail, Transvaal, Africa
 Hynd, Dr. and Mrs. David, Swaziland, Africa
 Oiness, Sylvia, Swaziland, Africa
 Shepherd, Rev. and Mrs. Doyle, Japan
 Smith, Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Courtney, Transvaal, Africa
 Wilke, Lydia, Cape Verde Islands

NOTE: Although the General Board has approved furloughs for these missionaries, it may be that the work on the fields will necessitate their remaining another year. Watch the "Herald" for announcement of their arrival home.

Missionaries

Returning to the Field—1954

Ainscough, Thomas, Argentina
 Bishop, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald, British Honduras
 Blair, Joyce, British Honduras
 Church, Rev. and Mrs. Clifford, Portuguese East Africa
 (via Portugal for language study)
 Crain, Esther, Nicaragua
 Denton, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald, Uruguay
 Gay, Rev. Clifford, Cape Verde Islands
 Hayse, Rev. and Mrs. George, Transvaal, Africa
 Ingram, Rev. and Mrs. Robert, Guatemala
 Jenkins, Rev. and Mrs. C. S., Transvaal, Africa
 Jones, Dr. and Mrs. T. H., Transvaal, Africa
 Owen, Gladys, Swaziland, Africa
 Penn, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph F., Swaziland, Africa
 Prescott, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle, Cuba
 Schmelzenbach, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer, Transvaal, Africa
 Stockwell, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar, Portuguese East Africa
 Thomas, Esther, Swaziland, Africa
 Wise, Mr. and Mrs. John, Swaziland, Africa

Newly Retired Missionaries—1953-54

Jones, Mrs. E. Maud, Transvaal, Africa—retiring on the field
 Latta, Margaret, Swaziland, Africa (returning home, March, 1954)
 Schmelzenbach, Mrs. Lula, Swaziland, Africa (now in America)
 Skinner, Mabel, Swaziland, Africa (returning home in May, 1954)

The Mission Field

THE TEST of any missionary enterprise is the results obtained on the field. The immediate goal is the salvation of souls. Next, is the organization of a missionary council. Third, is the development of a mission district with a national leadership; and, finally, the establishment of a regular district with full self-support and self-government.

Developing the Organization

There are now fourteen mission districts which convene annually for assembly sessions. Delegates elected by the local native congregations represent their people, conducting the business of the national church according to the procedures of an orderly district assembly. On five of these districts there are national district superintendents: India, Guatemala, Southeast Mexico, Central Mexico, and North Mexico. It is readily apparent that the church was forced to have national leadership in Mexico. India is the only district which elects its own national superintendent. Other mission districts have a large measure of self-government, but have not yet advanced to the place of national leadership. Several are up to that point of development and will no doubt show progress along this line in the near future.

Promoting the Doctrine

It has been a special personal interest to inquire into the matter of our national preachers. They are far more capable than is usually supposed. The number of national workers (teachers, nurses, and preachers) now totals 1,237. Of this group, the 716 preachers are the ones of whom we have made particular inquiry. I have had occasion to be with representative missionaries for extended periods in recent months and feel confident that the following statements characterize all areas of our work.

The national preachers on Nazarene mission fields are holiness preachers. They do not leave

the preaching of this great doctrine to the missionaries. Nor do they feel that it is so complicated and difficult that their people cannot grasp its significance and experience its power. I have been amazed as missionaries have told definite illustrations they have heard from the national preachers explaining in native fashion the need and purpose of heart cleansing. My hat is off to the missionaries and national preachers and my heart is bowed in gratitude to God for such stalwarts as Bhujbal and Borde of India; Kida, Kitagawa, and Isayama of Japan; Dlamini, Mkwanazi, and Nohlovu of Africa; Gonzolas, Guillermo, Price, Espinoza, Julca, and others in Latin America. Time fails to name more, but there are scores of them. We would like to tell them that this subject is the grandest that can occupy the mind of man; that the most noble men that ever trod the earth's surface have been engaged in it; that some of the greatest minds have been exercised in it; and that we have only to look to the preaching of the Master and listen again to His commission to be impressed in our inmost hearts with the greatness, the grandeur, and the glory of the holiness missionary enterprise.

Training the Converts

In order to supply teachers for the 143 day schools on Nazarene mission fields where 9,136 children are taught, there must be native teacher-training programs. For the 1,174 preaching places, 20 Bible schools are constantly training preachers. In an effort to meet the demand for native nurses in 44 dispensaries and 3 hospitals, the church operates nurses' schools on two fields and trains nurses' aides on several others. Twenty-four teachers, 56 nurses, and 364 preachers—a total of 444—are in training at the present time, and numerous nurses' aides assist the medical missionaries. Instruction in industrial arts, agriculture, music, and other profitable pursuits is also included in the training courses. In printing shops additional workers are trained and thousands of

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pieces of holiness literature were produced last year.

A shallow type of missionary endeavor which sends workers to evangelize the natives for a short period and then moves these workers on to a new area without regard to proper training and literature for the new converts they have made is not worthy of the time and support required. It is a waste of consecrated money. The result is a "corrupt Christianity" which the natives adapt to suit their heathen practices. This actually hinders a true and thorough approach to the needs of the people. However, the training given to converts should not be an effort to westernize all men. Let the water of salvation fit into the mold of local vessels, but let it be pure water and let the vessels be clean.

It is not the desire of Nazarene missions to develop large educational or medical institutions, but where needs are not otherwise met and the advancement of the Kingdom requires assistance and training along these lines the church must not be lacking.

The major emphasis must ever be soul winning and Bible training, with a strong and continuous insistence on the significance of God's call to preach the gospel. Anything which undermines this approach, however worthy, must be looked upon as unwholesome.

Reaching the Heathen

When native preachers are graduated from Bible school, and even after they are ordained, the process of assisting them is by no means completed. They must learn to pastor churches, supervise areas, hold evangelistic campaigns, manage church finance, urge self-support, and develop the native Christians along all lines of church activity, Christian living, and lay evangelism. One of the encouraging signs of our missionary enterprise is the desire on the part of the native organization to extend the work through their own churches and young people. New areas and new tribes beckon, Christ calls, and they are responding. This will not open additional countries to the church, but we are grateful that the mission fields are vitally interested in reaching others.

The General Budget

The day of sending out missionaries without a guaranteed means of support is over. Governments require statements of guarantee before permanent residence visas are issued. Jamaica furnishes a graphic example. Independent missionaries who have furloughed from there have not been allowed to re-enter. Several such unaffiliated workers, faced with the disintegration of their work, have approached the Church of the Nazarene, requesting us to take over the churches they have established. Were it not for the General Budget, our own missionaries would face this same catastrophe.

Missionaries have gone abroad by appointment of the church. They are our representatives; they are doing our work; they are standing in our place; they are accomplishing that work which we are unable to do because God in His providence has placed and keeps us here. We must serve in the place God has appointed, and to the utmost of our power, by our prayers, by our efforts, by our contributions support the men and women who have gone far hence to preach the gospel to the heathen.

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The World's Number One Problem

By C. Warren Jones, D.D.

MANY and varied are the problems that confront the peoples of earth. Men begin to face problems at birth and they are constant companions to the end of life.

In those parts of the world where multiplied millions of human beings never know what it is to have their hunger satisfied, the one big concern is the battle for life. Theirs is an economic problem. Half of the people of the world fight for a bare existence.

In other parts of the world the major problem is a social one. We have that in the Near East, where there is conflict between the Jewish people and the Arabs. Though these two groups are blood relatives, there are strife and contention and frequently open conflict between them. All other problems are secondary and trivial.

With the men of state and those in authority, the big problem is political in nature. They are watching the world's chessboard. They are trying to anticipate the next move of the enemy and wondering how they can gain a political advantage. The great game of national and world politics dominates their thinking.

Another problem that men face is in the area of religion. Man is instinctively religious. The rulers of the Russian people who would blot out Christianity if they could are up against this hard, cold fact. God made man in His own image and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. It is as natural for men to be religious as it is for water to run downhill. That is why we have so many religions. Christianity is one of the many. The masses of Asia and Africa are followers of Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammed. These great groups are not so antagonistic to one another, but they are avowed enemies of Christianity. Certainly we are confronted with the religious problem.

But the one problem that faces all men, whether they admit it or not, is the SIN problem. Every man of Adam's race faces this problem. Sin has crossed all boundaries, disregarded all color lines, and has gone to earth's remotest bounds. Every human being in the world has been affected by sin. It is the world's number one problem. It is deep-seated, having gone to the very center of man's inmost being. No one can evade or bypass it. Sin is the dominating factor of every unregenerated heart in the world. John says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." It is an inbred, innate

foe that reigns and rules in the hearts of men. God has saved His people and sanctified their souls and raised up the Church of the Nazarene to come to grips with the sin problem in the United States, the British Isles, Canada, and the mission fields of the world. All other problems are small and of little consequence. The big problem on the foreign fields is not the low standard of living, the illiteracy of the people, their poverty, or their customs. No, it is none of these. Rather, it is the sins of the people which emanate from the sin principle. This creates the problem which tops every other problem.

The supreme challenge of the day, as far as our Zion is concerned, is that with renewed energy and dogged determination we fight sin as we never have before. Sin is just as deceitful and just as black and just as damning as it has ever been. New names and new clothes don't change the nature of this archenemy of mankind. Sin will damn our children, our relatives, and friends. Sin will blast and blight the educated, the cultured and refined, as well as the heathen of earth. Away with any and all compromises. Paul exhorts us to shun the very appearance of evil. There is only one course to pursue and that is an all-out war against sin.

The most effective weapon at our command is the marvelous and wonderful gospel, of which Paul declared that he was not ashamed. The great claim of the gospel is that men can be saved, and that believers can be sanctified. There are no substitutes for these two marvelous works of divine grace. The new birth will get men out of the world and God's sanctifying grace will get the world out of the hearts of the believers. The age-old plan of redemption, set up by God Almighty, will work in heathen lands as well as it does in the States, Great Britain, and Canada. On with the battle!

Coast-to-Coast Conventions

Because of the tremendous response to the Coast-to-Coast Missionary Conventions, and the many requests for more of these in the future, the General Board voted to hold another series of Coast-to-Coast Missionary Conventions in 1956-57 following the General Assembly. Dates for each district will be announced later.

NOTES *and*

QUOTES

The Children Did It!

Two years ago Nazarene vacation Bible school children took up a project to raise money for Spanish vacation Bible school manuals for use in all the Spanish-speaking countries. The most optimistic leaders estimated that it would be possible to pay for one series of manuals each year, completing the project in three years.

Much to their astonishment and pleasure, however, the first year brought in more than \$5,000.00 and the second year more than \$11,000.00, completely underwriting the translation of the three-year cycle into Spanish.

As a result, they have had to turn to a new project for their third year and have chosen to provide the money for a central day school in Rivas, Nicaragua. This school will offer classes from the first grade through the sixth, and graduates from it will be qualified to teach in the small day schools in the towns and villages of Nicaragua. As you may know, scholastic requirements for sixth grade graduates are much higher than ours in the States. In some areas of learning, these graduates have the equivalent of two years of high school, or better.

Ten Questions

1. Where and when did the Nazarene Christians set dates for their first Alabaster Box opening?

2. How did *Senora* Chavez earn money for her sick baby?

3. Who are the new missionaries to the Philippines and to Trinidad?

4. What is the new N.F.M.S. project and what does it celebrate?

5. Who is Ing Mee Fortoet? Why did she choose teaching as a career?

6. How much rain falls in Punta Gorda in a year?

7. How does one get to Punta Gorda?

8. How did God take care of the Ingrams so that they were not delayed in Tapachula on their journey home?

9. How did Rebecca solve the problem when she had to walk twenty-two miles a day to get to church?

10. What new territories have our missionaries been given permission to enter?



PRAY for petty-chief Zwane of Swaziland, who is very much opposed to the new Sunday school which Lukele, a native foreman on a nearby farm, has opened in his home. The petty-chief has threatened to close the school and to fine Lukele a cow for starting it. Pray that both the chief and Lukele and his family shall find God in saving power.—Dorothy Bevil.

PRAY for a village in India where forty people are ready to take an open stand for Christ but are holding back because of the powerful influence of one old woman. Pray that God shall give them courage to stand for Him, and that He shall reach this old woman with salvation.—Earl Lee.

PRAY for the Christians in Colombia. While we have no Nazarene work there, yet there are hundreds of Protestant Christians who are being forbidden the right to worship, driven from their homes, and some even killed for their faith. Fifty-two have been martyred in the past five years. Forty-three churches have been destroyed. Pastors and missionaries are being driven from the villages where they work.

PRAY for the Blaauwberg area. Our greatest need is for native workers.—Rex Emslie.

NOTE: A new Prayer and Fasting tract, *Pray Ye Therefore . . .*, is now off the press. This tract gives a special prayer request for each week of the year. It is undated and can be started at any time. Write to N.F.M.S. or the Department of Foreign Missions for as many as you need. They will be mailed free upon request.

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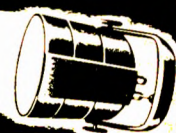
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Those Women . . .

Which Laboured with Me in the Gospel . . . Whose Names Are in the Book of Life (Phil. 4:3)

This is the last of a series of three articles by

Rev. C. S. Jenkins, Africa

NOT LONG SINCE, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Jenkins, and I, together with Leah Mayinga, the subject of a previous article, had the joy of visiting our church at Matumanhane. It is always a joy to visit one of our churches, but the joy experienced here was exceptional. There was a reason for this. Stefano Mandlaze is the pastor with his wife, Rebecca.

Doubtless many of you have heard us tell of Rebecca. She is one of the outstanding women of the Church of the Nazarene in Portuguese East Africa.

One day, back in the 1920's, a young woman traveled eleven miles to our station at Njatibye. She said she was seeking *madyelo*. *Madyelo*, you remember, ordinarily means food for stock, but in this instance it was used to mean spiritual food. We were very happy to offer her the spiritual fellowship and shepherding for which her heart craved. For months she walked eleven miles every Sunday for spiritual help and fellowship! Generally she would return to her home after the services. Twenty-two miles in a day to fellowship with the people of God! No wonder she became the stalwart she was.

After a few weeks she brought another with her. Presently there were two who came with her, then three, then four, until she had quite a group who accompanied her to the Sunday services. Our work was just starting, so you can imagine the great joy this brought to our hearts.

One Sunday, after the services were over, Rebecca came, as was her custom, to say good-by, but we could see that she had something else on her mind. Presently she said, "*Vafundzisi*, it is a long way to come here every Sunday."

I think that Rebecca instantly noted the disappointment on our faces, even though we tried to conceal it. "No, no, *Vafundzisi*, it is not that! No, it is not that!" she cried in distress. "We are

not wearying of the way, but I have been thinking. I have been thinking that possibly we could have a meeting at my home."

We answered that we had no one to send. She hesitated a moment and then ventured, "Couldn't I lead the meetings?" When she noted our reluctance she asked, "What is preaching?" (Come on now, you who know, give the answer.)

While we were trying to formulate a simple definition of what preaching is, she answered her own question by saying, "Preaching is reading the Bible and telling the people what it means."

Could you have done better than that? Would that all so-called preachers could do as well!

We gave our consent, with the stipulation that on each first Sunday of the month they would come to the main station for the "big" Sunday. On that Sunday we called in all the nearby outstations and, besides other things, we had the Lord's Supper. We will long remember the blessings of those "big" Sundays.

So Rebecca became preacher and pastor.

Did you ever hear about our African church bells? They are many and varied. In the case of Rebecca's church, as with most of our churches here in Gaza, it was a piece of steel rail from a railroad track, hung in a tree, and another small iron with which to beat it. This is what calls Gaza Nazarenes, and the heathen round about, to service.

After some months Rebecca came to us saying that the native chief of her area had told her that the authorities had ordered the beating of her iron and also the church services to cease. What should she do?

We asked, "What does your heart say to do?"

"My heart says to go on," came the reply from this soldier of Christ.

We committed her to the Lord and prayed His blessing upon her as she obeyed His voice.

Not many weeks later she came again saying that she had been called to account once again. We had prayer together once more and lovingly committed this daughter of Africa to our Lord.

She obeyed the legal summons as ordered, and was told to cease all her religious operations. Would she? She answered that she would not, saying that she couldn't, for God had called her to preach His Word. The official told her that if she persisted he would have to put her in jail. What would you have done under those circumstances?

I'll tell you what Rebecca did. That night she arrived home, a distance of about twenty miles, footsore and weary. The next morning, as is the custom in our churches, she beat her iron about daybreak, calling her people to prayer before beginning the activities of the day. And from then she continued to have her services.

After some months she was again called before the officials. She remembered the threat. She cooked some food for the way, rolled up a mat and blanket, took her Bible and songbook, and started. Sure enough, she was put in jail. Each morning she was sent to work with the other women who were in jail for some fault or other. When they returned in the evening, after they had eaten, Rebecca would read the Bible to them, explain it, teach them some choruses, and pray with them.

Soon this came to the attention of the authorities and again Rebecca was called. What was she doing? She answered that she was doing nothing but teaching the other women about God. Did she not know that it was for that reason she was in jail, they asked. And then, to her surprise, she was told to pack up her things, go home, and stop her foolishness.

When Rebecca reached home, the iron was still there. Whatever temptation might have been hers to leave it silent, no one ever knew, for the next morning at daybreak the iron rang as loud and clear as before and the people gathered. Never again was Rebecca summoned before the officials.

Among those who repented in her meetings was a young man who later took the name of Stefano Mandlaze. People are people the world around. Young men and maidens are attracted to each other in every land. And so it happened to Stefano and Rebecca. Maybe he was grateful to her for bringing him the glorious light of the gospel and he wanted to show his gratitude by taking care of her for life. Whatever the reason was, it became my happy privilege to unite them in marriage. I am sure that the proverbial "live together happily ever after" can be said of them. God has given them several children and they, too, know Jesus and His great salvation.

When we bought our present property from the Methodists in 1930 we took over some twenty

of their outstations. Among these was one not far from Rebecca's home, so we combined her work with this outstation we had received. The work where she had labored so faithfully and efficiently continued to grow and a few years ago we again made it a separate station, and Stefano is the pastor.

How happy we were to visit this church and how happy they were to have us! We had a very good service and several sought the Lord. They have had a wonderful victory recently in the conversion of Stefano's mother, who was a prominent witch doctress. What a testimony she has!

The work in this place is going well. Rebecca has not enjoyed good health for a long time, but she is the same warrior in spirit that she has been for the last quarter of a century.

As "sent ones" our lives have been enriched by this fine example of what the gospel can do in an African heart. If Rebecca and, through her, Stefano and many others were the only fruit of our ministry in this land, it would be sufficient; but there are many Rebeccas, many Annas, many Leahs, and there will be more if Jesus delays His coming.

Are you not happy that you have had a part in the work here? Please continue to labor together with us.

And what shall I more say? For time would fail me to tell of Leah; and of Anna; and of Marita, one of our fine Bible women; and of Alice and Dinah, Swazis who heard the call to the vaPede in the Blaauwberg; and of Sarah; and of Estere; and of Roshita, the fine wife of Rev. Timothy Mucavele; and of Nellie, wife of Rev. Joao Muchavi; and of Lossia, dedicated helper of Miss Cooper; and of Lois, the godly wife of Rev. Enosse Mgwenya of the Eastern Transvaal; and of Lillian, wife of Rev. Phineas Dlamini, district leader of the Stegi (Swaziland) district; and of Emma, wife of our veteran Swazi elder (co-worker for years with our sainted founder, Rev. H. F. Schmelzenbach), Rev. Joseph Mkwanazi; and of Tema, also—the saintly blind wife of Evangelist Samuel Mandlate. Their daughter Nosita is one of our nurses here at the main station; and another daughter, Esselina, is the wife of one of our teachers. All these "through faith . . . wrought righteousness, obtained promises . . . out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight . . . of whom the world is not worthy."

News Notes on the Fields

Rev. Prescott Beals has been appointed to Barbados, British West Indies, for evangelism for a period of six months.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Harmon have been transferred from Trinidad to British Guiana.

Our Alabaster Church

By Mrs. Miriam York, British Honduras

IT WAS a warm October day and people were hurrying about with an expectant air. The trucks would soon arrive to take people to the dedication service up country at Columbia. One of the young ladies of the church had arranged for us the luxury of her father's jeep with a driver. Our jeep was loaded—six adults and two children, a guitar, songbooks, and chairs. Perhaps this driver knew how fast Americans drive, for we must have traveled one hundred miles an hour on the road and half the time we were in the air. All along the road, a distance of about twenty-three miles, people were standing, waiting for the truck. One truck that preceded us was loaded to capacity with another truck following, but it too was loaded and many people were left because of no transportation.

We hurried down to the bank of the Columbia River and waited our turn to get into that boat and be pushed across with a pole. To those of us who had not learned to swim, sitting still was of major importance.

We were greeted at the church by Pastor Richards, an East Indian man, and the school-teacher, Edwin Woodeye, also an East Indian. The church was beautifully decorated with harvest fruits, for this was not only a dedication service, but a harvest home ingathering also.

Palms, flowers, bananas, pumpkins, eggs, plantain, and many other fruits and vegetables made the church a festive scene.

A large group of people had already gathered, but still others were coming, some walking, and others by truck. Just above us, bathing in the river, were Ketchic Indian women and children.

When the service began the church was full and a host were standing on the outside looking in. More than ever we realized as we looked into their faces that this is our day for God and the Church of the Nazarene. The service was conducted in both Spanish and English. The village people of Columbia speak Spanish principally while those along the road usually speak English. Our national pastor speaks both English and Spanish and interpreted for the service. God was with us, and our hearts cried out for those along the road in the near village of San Antonia, that we might move in and possess the land.

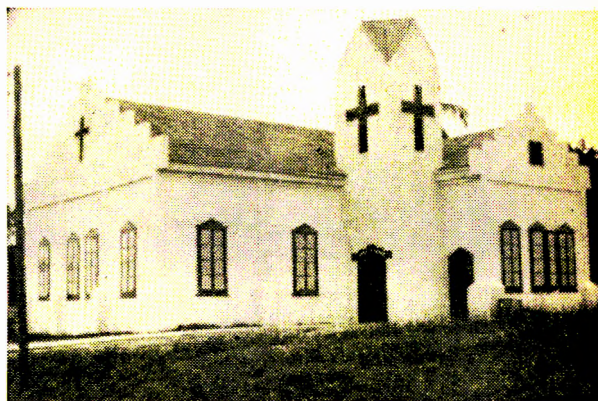
A few months later in July, 1953, a similar scene took place at the dedication of the Church of the Nazarene in Punta Gorda. Punta Gorda is a lovely little village beside the Caribbean Sea. Tall, slender coconut palms make the small settle-

ment a green oasis the year around. Even during the dry season when water is scarce and the rains cease, the village area remains green. Perhaps the fact that Punta Gorda receives about 175 inches of rainfall annually explains this. Rain has always intrigued me and perhaps it is the rainfall that makes me love Punta Gorda so much.

In this little village of palm-thatched houses and tall wooden structures, the Church of the Nazarene has placed a lovely Alabaster church. Truly it has given and is giving forth the sweet incense of Mary's love offering. Already the seed of salvation has taken root in the hearts of sin-sick men and women. It has not been easy for many to accept God and break the bands of sin, but even to these God has poured forth His greatness.

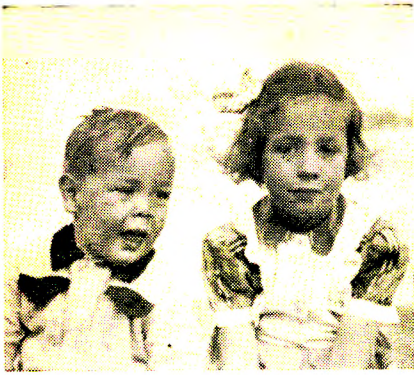
The building is fifty-two by thirty-eight feet with an annex fifteen by twenty and a thirty-foot tower. The town of Punta Gorda is accessible only by water, or by one small three-passenger plane. The usual travel is by the "Heron H.," which brings food and cargo and mail from the outside world. Sailing into port either from Belize or Porta Barios, the first thing in sight is the Church of the Nazarene—a witness on land and sea.

On July fifth, this church was dedicated by Rev. Ronald Bishop, our district superintendent, who is now on furlough in the United States. Brother Bishop brought a stirring message that found lodging in the hearts of some who had never entered the church before. Our hearts rejoice at what God has done. Keep on praying and working and giving until we have brought a host of British Hondurans to the throne of grace.



Punta Gorda Church of the Nazarene, built with Alabaster funds.

Our Mission



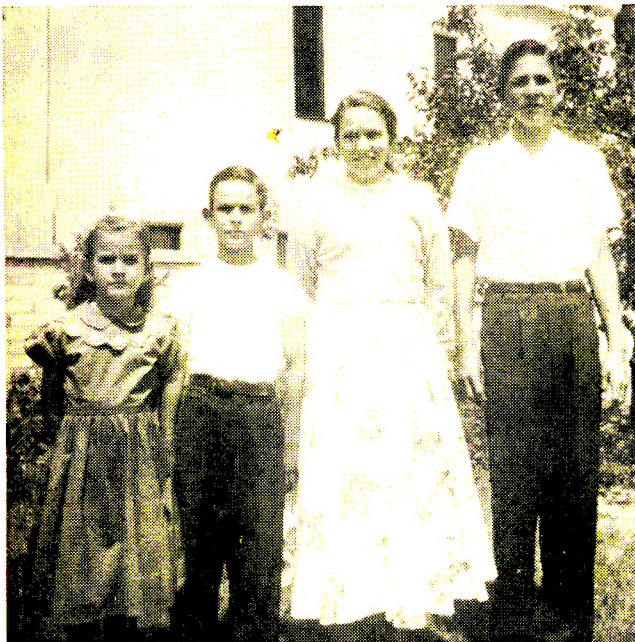
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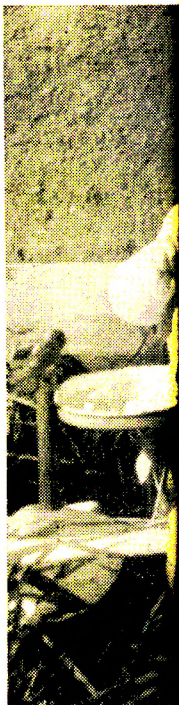
Back row: Elwyn and Valerie Jones with their parent



Left to right: Grace, Elwood, Delia, and Robert Prescott, Cuba

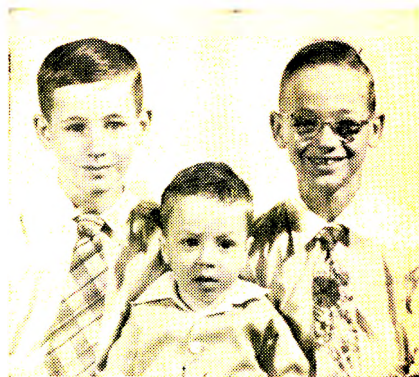


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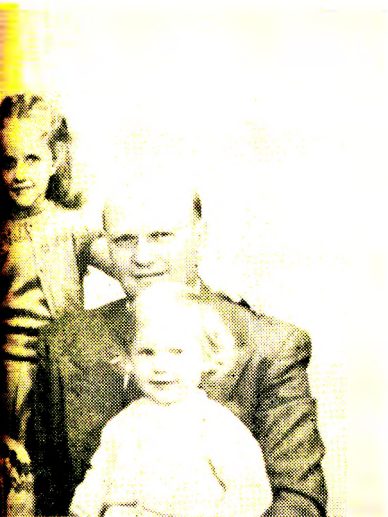


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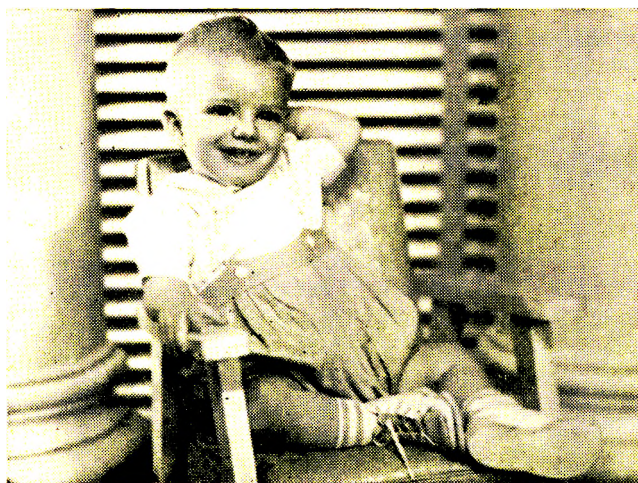
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Left to right: Wayne, Dale, and Ronnie Hudson, Guatemala



Front row: Gwynnith and Lynette and Mrs. T. H. Jones, Africa



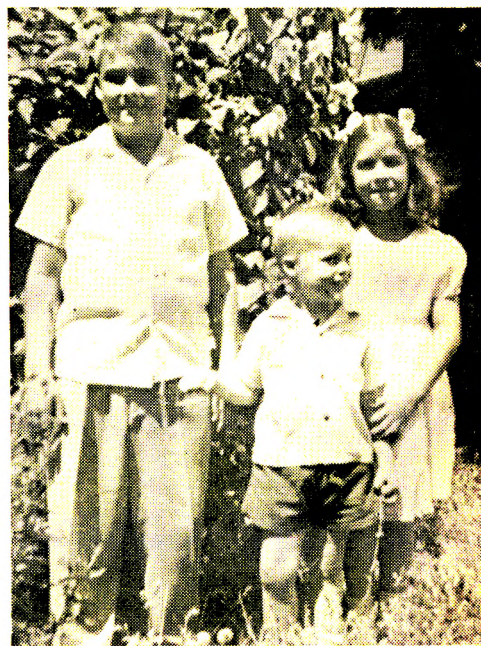
Ardee Coolidge, Jr., Cuba



ett, Japan



Left to right: Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Virginia Mosteller, Cape Verde



Gary, Grant, and Gayle Lee, India

Workers' Retreat in Bolivia

By Earl D. Hunter

ON JUNE FIRST we brought our workers together for four full days of fellowship and instruction. All of our fifteen preachers and fourteen teachers were present. Besides these regularly employed, we had one local preacher and eight Bible school students with us.

Prayer time before breakfast was the established order of each day. Then a short devotional message by a different native pastor each morning started the day's sessions. The superintendent gave three classes each day on subjects related to pastoral practices and evangelism. Each afternoon there was a paper presented by a leading pastor or teacher and a discussion period followed.

The last period of each afternoon was taken by Mrs. Hunter for first-aid instruction.

The missionary society and the young people's society came in for a bit of attention as the dates were set for our first Alabaster Box opening, and for our young people's zone rallies.



Back row—pastors, front row, missionaries and Bible school students
Standing between these two rows—teachers
Kneeling in front—Hunter and Armstrong children and Bible school students

Each night the district superintendent preached to the workers. Although sick with the flu for the whole week, God helped the speaker and we all had a wonderful time together in the Lord. The last night afforded a special time of blessing as the workers testified and reported God's blessing on their churches and schools. We have over 550 attending our day schools, now. Several of the teachers reported that their pupils had gotten saved. One reported two whole families getting saved as a direct result of their children's being enrolled in our school.

A spirit of harmony and confidence prevails and our present workers seem to be 100 per cent loyal. By faith in God the future is promising for our Bolivian field.

Some of our churches have just closed good revivals and others will soon be in campaigns.

Giving among our people has increased almost 100 per cent over last year.

The Lord Helps Us Not to Get Too Hungry

By Clyde Golliher, Peru

IT WAS Wednesday night after prayer meeting and we had *Senor* and *Senora Chavez* stop in, that we might give them some used clothes for themselves and their five children. They are just a new couple to the church and in the short time they have been saved they have not let a service go by without being present.

Senora Chavez' sweet smile and pleasant attitude soon make her a friend. Her life was not an easy one but she never revealed the burdens she carried. On the very afternoon of the day she stopped at our home, Mrs. Golliher had seen her selling ice cream from a little pushcart, and had learned by inquiry that she was trying to earn money to take her sick baby to the doctor and to buy the necessary medicine.

After *Senor* and *Senora Chavez* had received the clothes and he had chatted a bit, they prepared to leave. It was then that we noticed that she was carrying her work apron, and I asked, "Did you come right to the service from your work?"

She answered that both of them had come directly to church from their jobs.

"You certainly must be hungry," I exclaimed.

Without a moment's hesitation she responded, "The Lord helps us not to get too hungry before we get home."

We wondered after they left whether they would really have anything to eat at all when they reached home, for their dire circumstances leave them so poor they do not even have enough money to buy the few poles and cane they need to build a little house.

They are typical of many here in their poverty, but they are a challenge to people the world over in their devotion. Some are not willing to be hungry so that they can be in service, and others are not willing to be hungry to pray and fast. But if we look to God, don't you think *He will help us not go get too hungry?*

I Teach for Service

*By Ing Mee Fortoen**

WHEN choosing a lifetime career one has to think deeply of the position, the usefulness of ourselves towards our fellow men, and the consequences. We have to question ourselves and to see if we will be fit for and do justice to whatever task we plan to do. Will we be of any help to anyone?

In choosing my career I chose teaching. I have realized that this is one of the careers where many boys and girls can either be made into good, useful citizens or can be allowed to become a real menace to the public. I say this because, when teaching these precious little ones, one is awakened to the fact that we as teachers have to give the child its foundation on which to build all the future.

When I passed my final year at college, I applied for a post at a school where the poorest children of the colored community attend. In my six years of teaching at this school I have learned to love these dirty, smudgy little ones. These children have to be taught how to read, write, and how to become good citizens. In teaching them I have come upon many setbacks, for they even have to be taught how to behave. When they come to school for the first time everything is strange to them. The cleanliness of the classrooms and the teachers fills them with wonder. It is strange for them to be spoken to in a gentle way. They are not used to it. All they know about is dirt. The filthy environment about them at home is against them. They live in zinc-hovels. Everywhere around them they see men and women drinking intoxicating liquor. They see people gambling and they are even sent to the gambling houses to place bets for their parents. Often these little ones do not even know who their own father is, for many times there are two or three men coming in or out of their homes. How my heart bleeds for them!

Many days I am faced by thirty-five sweet faces which are mostly smudged with the day-before's dirt. Their little bodies are clad in whatever clothing they can find and sometimes this outfit is worn day and night for a whole week. They are sent hungry to school, but fortunately they receive some food there. These little ones are sent to school to learn how to read and write. But

before I can teach them that, I first get down to soap and water. They are taught that they must be clean. Many times I have to buy soap for them.

After their first few weeks at school they look much happier. They are much cleaner. They have learned their first fundamentals. They have also learned to put their trust in me. For the first time in their five or six years of living they have known what love is. Because they stay six hours a day at school they hear less swearing, cursing, and shouting at home.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, but most times I am very happy because these precious little ones bring joy by showing that they always try to be and do their best. From the very first day at school they are taught the Lord's Prayer. They also now know that they have to ask for His guidance, and pray before every meal to thank Him for the food. Not only have they been taught the school subjects but they have learnt about Jesus. How they love to sing His songs! Some days I just have to curb them because, whether it is time for recitation or reading, they just want to sing "Joy, Joy, Joy!"

I feel that my career has been a help to others because I have become, not only teacher, but mother, judge, protector, and best friend to these uncared-for little children.



*Miss Fortoen is a coloured student in the evening Bible school. Mrs. Esselstyn is her teacher.

Mrs. Catherine Perry Eckel
Japan



Lois Pass
Africa



Nellie Storey

I was born in Knox County, Indiana. At the age of thirteen the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sins and, when I confessed them to Him, God opened to me a new world where old things passed away and all things became new. Two years later the Holy Spirit came into my heart in sanctifying power and it was then that I felt the call to the mission field. Not until I was on duty in the Central Service in a hospital, and meditating on the future, did God specify Japan.

After graduation from the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Vincennes, Indiana, I attended and graduated from Northwest Nazarene College. With several years of supervisory and teaching experience I was adequately qualified to apply for the position which brought me to Japan, though I did not know at the time that God was preparing me for this.

I prayed and sought ways to get to Japan for years, and I stand amazed that the vision has at last been realized and all as the result of God's very carefully laid plan.

Through friendship and correspondence with Rev. Nobumi Isayama, I learned of the position with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, applied, and was sent to Japan by the United States Government.

When my contract with the government expired I joined the ranks of the Japanese missionaries as Mrs. William Eckel.

Nellie Storey, Africa

I was born in Manchester, England, on March 25, 1917. Although not having the privilege of being brought up in a Christian home, God's hand was upon me and at the age of eighteen He led me to a Christian doctor who was God's instrument to lead me to himself. A few years later, after much struggling and striving to enter into my possession in Christ, He graciously sanctified my soul.

Six months after I was born again, God called me to the mission field and I praise Him for His guidance and blessing all along the way. Truly "there hath not failed ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken . . . all came to pass."

I was born in Manchester, England, on July 30, 1926, accompanied by a twin brother, and welcomed by two older sisters. As long as I can remember, my parents have been actively engaged in the Lord's work, so that from my earliest years I was taught about the Lord and grew up under holiness teaching. There was always a lively missionary atmosphere in our home and church, and from an early age I had a desire to serve the Lord in foreign missionary work.

On October 18, 1937, I met the Lord as my Saviour, at the family altar; and on April 30, 1950, during a series of special revival meetings entered into the experience of a clean heart, being sanctified wholly. At that time I consecrated everything to the Lord, and on September 15, 1941, when I heard the Lord's call to Africa, I gladly responded. Since that day the conviction that this was God's will for my future became deeper and stronger.

I soon began to realize that the Lord had had His hand upon me throughout my childhood training and He continued to lead me on until in May, 1944, the way opened for me to commence nursing training. My general nursing training was completed in November, 1947, and midwifery in June, 1949. In September of the same year I went to Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead, for one year.

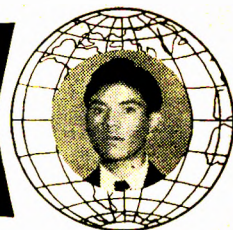
Since that time I have been engaged in hospital duties in England and South Africa, prior to entering the work of the Church of the Nazarene, to which He has called me.

After my graduation as a state registered nurse and midwife, God led me to Emmanuel Bible College for the final preparation for the work to which He had called me. While still in the Bible college I was accepted by the mission board of the International Holiness Mission, and three months after completing my training I sailed for Africa.

It is now four years since I came to Africa, and how I praise God for all that He has meant to me! Truly we have a wonderful Saviour and I am thankful for the privilege of being one of His called ones. I praise Him, too, for the privilege of belonging to the great family of Nazarenes everywhere and do pray that God will bless you all abundantly.



YOUTH PAGE



Zone Meetings in Peru

By Harry Zurcher

OUR district N.Y.P.S. is divided into four zones. We have the Northern Coastal Zone, the Southern Coastal Zone, the Mountain (Sierra) Zone, and the Jungle (Montana) Zone. Our district reaches 711 miles from Lobitos on the coast in the north to Lima on the coast to the south, and from the Pacific Ocean on the west into the Andes on the east. To reach our farthestmost point in the jungle from Chiclayo it would take about five days at least—by truck one day, by horseback one, and then by foot and canoe three days to arrive at Yama Yakat in Aguarunaland.

We have made it a custom to have one zone meeting a year in the Jungle Zone, two a year in the Mountain Zone, and four a year here on the coastal zones. In our coastal zone rallies we usually have only an afternoon and evening service, while in the Jungle and Mountain zones it is generally a three-day convention. Our zone meetings, as a rule, are very well attended. Our attendance averages from 100 to 250.

Just a year ago I arrived a little late at our zone meeting in Pacasmayo, because of some unexpected business in Chiclayo. When I arrived I noticed that there were about fifty people outside and not even standing room left inside the church. I pushed my way up to the front of the crowded building, for I was supposed to take part in the service. The aisle was packed with people; they were standing on the platform and in the room behind the platform.

In September of last year I attended the three-day Mountain Zone meeting held in Chota. It was wonderful how the Taylors and Miss Roth had everything planned, and how the Chota brethren worked and stood by loyally to make the meeting a success.

We started out from Chota early Thursday morning in the pickup and arrived in Chota just a little before suppertime. As soon as we had eaten we hurriedly unloaded the pickup and went on to the evening service of the three-day convention. There was a fine congregation there on the opening night, and each night the group increased in number until by the last night the spacious church

was unable to hold all who tried to come in. Brethren came from all parts of the Chota section. Some had to travel three days over the mountains to get there. The townsmen, businessmen, policemen, and high school students attended and showed an intense interest in the services. We met all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In the Saturday night service the Holy Spirit gloriously manifested himself in convicting and convincing power. The altar was lined two deep across the front of the church with some seeking pardon and others to be sanctified wholly. On Sunday morning we had our crowning service, as we were led from one victory to another. First, a policeman and his wife had their marriage consecrated—a very significant step in this country—then two babies were dedicated to the Lord. After that, fifteen candidates, young and old, came forward to be baptized by sprinkling—the only method practical in the mountain country at this season of the year. Then Rev. Esperidion Julca, who had been the evening evangelist for the convention, gave a short message on the Lord's Supper and more than a hundred Christians took part in the communion service which followed.

On Monday morning we left Chota, happy, rejoicing, and tired, to return to our duties and responsibilities awaiting us in Chiclayo.

(To be continued)



... by truck, by horseback, by foot and canoe ...



GENERAL PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Ten per Cent Giving in 1903



What a surprise to find that this 10 per cent program of giving for world evangelism, which we are stressing in our Coast-to-Coast Conventions, is over fifty years old in the Church of the Nazarene!

Even at the early date of 1903 our founding fathers pointed out that this one-tenth of the churches' regular income was to be the minimum for world evangelism. They said:

"We recommend that the local churches make provision for their church missionary work by setting apart one-tenth of the church's regular income, and that such further offerings be made as practicable." (*Nazarene Messenger*, November 19, 1903, p. 2.)

Thus we see that these God-inspired Nazarene leaders believed in the regular setting aside of the one-tenth and the addition of further gifts such as Easter offerings, etc. Thank God for His leading through the years.

Let us all join together to bring to our risen Lord in 1954 our greatest Easter offering.

DISTRICT CONVENTION BRIEFS

Kansas City—September 8

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Kansas City District N.F.M.S. was held at the District Center, Overland Park, Kansas, on September 8, with Mrs. Dell Aycock, our district president, presiding.

Mrs. Aycock was re-elected as district president with nearly a unanimous vote.

Mrs. G. B. Williamson read a very challenging letter to the convention from our general president, Mrs. Louise Chapman.

Reports from the different societies show progress along every line: spiritually, financially, and numerically.

General Superintendent Dr. Hardy C. Powers delivered the closing missionary address, which was a great challenge to all who were there.

VERA HOFFPAUIR
Supt. of Publicity

MEMORY VERSES FOR MARCH (4)

Universal Provision for Salvation

Luke 3:6
Acts 2:21
Romans 5:18
II Peter 3:9

Bookmarks giving the passages to be memorized for each week of the year will be sent upon request. Ask your N.F.M.S. member should read and supply for distribution in your local church. They are free. Be sure to tell us how many you want. Address your request to N.F.M.S. Office, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri.

Suggested Helps for Memorizing:

1. *The Living Word*, by Earl C. Wolf, is a book every N.F.M.S. member should read through. The book is divided in two sections, the second of which gives some very helpful suggestions on how to memorize scriptures. The book may be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri, price \$1.00. Please send money with your order.

2. Type or write each scripture to be memorized on a card (3 x 5 would be convenient for home use), put it in a prominent place—over the sink where you do dishes, on your dresser mirror, etc.

3. Write the scripture for the week on a blackboard, if you have one, so all members of the family can join in memorizing it.

4. Use the scripture of the week at the family altar, or before or after meals.

5. Type or print the scripture of the week on a small (2½ x 3) card for carrying with you, so that as you ride the bus or streetcar, at lunch hour, etc., you will have your scripture with you. Put the scripture on one side and the reference on the other side. This will help to learn, not only the scripture, but the reference as well.

EMPHASIS FOR APRIL

Study and Reading Course

It is time to check up to see how you are progressing in both your study and reading course. Last year 43,517 people read at least three books, and 84 per cent of the societies followed the course of study.

The 1954-55 study will be on India. The April-May-June *Council Tidings* will give a list of reading course books and further information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

North Arkansas—September 14-15

The first annual missionary convention of the North Arkansas District was held at Blytheville, Arkansas, September 14-15, 1953.

Our hearts were thrilled with the messages presented by Rev. W. C. Fowler, missionary from British Honduras. Mrs. J. W. Hendrickson gave an encouraging report of the year's activities.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, our general superintendent, brought the closing message of the convention, telling of his recent visit to our work in Jordan. We shall all be inspired with a deeper sense of urgency for our task after having attended this convention.

Mrs. BOYD HANCOCK

EASTER OFFERING

GOAL — \$700,000.00 FOR WORLD EVANGELISM

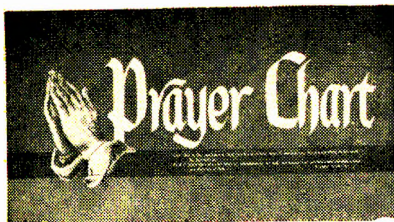
PRAY NOW—"LORD, HOW MUCH WILT THOU HAVE ME GIVE IN THE EASTER OFFERING?"

PLAN NOW—"WHATSOEVER HE SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT."

BEGIN NOW—TO LAY ASIDE YOUR EASTER OFFERING.

If you wish your offering to go through the N.F.M.S., mark the back of your envelope in the square provided.

Name _____	Check One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (N.F.M.S.) <input type="checkbox"/> (Church)	Amount _____
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		<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
Place your offering in this envelope and bring to church on EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 18.		



Choose one item for your prayer list.
REQUESTS:

Africa

Praise: Praise the Lord for marked signs of improvement in Mrs. W. C. Esselstyn's health. Although her physical condition was supposed to steadily worsen, it is instead showing daily improvement.

The entire African church observed a whole day of fasting and prayer for her healing. Let us hold on with them for her complete recovery.

Nicaragua

1. Pray for God's guidance in the selection of a mission station site in northern Nicaragua.

2. A schoolteacher recently accepted Christ. Her family forced her to resign the school. She has left home but still attends church. Pray that she may stand true.

3. Pray for the establishing of a work in Potosi. The priest is opposing every effort made.

4. Purita, a mission kitchen girl, wants to be a Christian. Her dominating mother keeps her from church. Pray that she and her husband may be saved.

ANSWERS:

You will recall that it was early in November that I wrote you concerning the improvement in my wife's health. That improvement has continued since that time. In the past month she has been able to do more than in any month since we came to British Guiana.

A week ago we received some of our *Heralds* and in looking through we noticed a request for prayer that was carried in the *Herald* of November 4. As I read it to my wife, she asked me the date of that particular issue and when I told her she remarked to me that that was the week we began to notice the improvement. To us it was just another indication of how great our God is and that our Nazarene people really pray when needs are presented to them. Mrs. Ault and I want to thank you for making the request and thank those who have responded and praise God for the answer that is so much in evidence. In these difficult days we are happy to be a part of a people who can pray things to pass.

DONALD K. AULT
December 13

N.F.M.S. GIVING FOR FISCAL YEAR—1952-53

Dues and Offerings	\$634,028.43
Prayer and Fasting	286,178.78
Total General Budget	\$ 920,207.21
Alabaster	164,076.81
Other Foreign Missions Specials	35,119.20
Total General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials	1,119,403.22
Relief and Retirement	19,687.40
General Expense	20,291.91
Total	\$1,159,382.53

Houston—August 25

The Houston District N.F.M.S. Convention convened at the Houston Central Park Church, August 25, with our district president, Mrs. V. H. Lewis, presiding. Inspiration for the coming year was received through the challenging messages of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt. Missionaries visiting in the convention were Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Fowler, Rev. and Mrs. Everette Howard, Rev. Edward Wyman of the Nazarene Spanish Bible Institute, and Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, also workers at the Spanish Bible Institute.

Our excellent president was re-elected by a unanimous vote.

MRS. W. M. LYNCH
Supt. of Publicity

British Isles North—August 29

The first business meeting of the N.F.M.S. combined with the Autumn Rally was held at Parkhead on August 29, Dr. George Frame presiding.

There was a fair representation of pastors and laymen present at the afternoon service. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a district executive. Mrs. S. E. Martin, former president of the district W.F.M.S., was elected district president.

There was a good attendance at the evening rally. Rev. Thomas Ainscough of Argentina was the guest speaker, and Miss Mary McKinlay (who has since returned to her field of service in Africa) gave a personal word of testimony.

A program consisting of readings by Miss G. McIntyre of Ardrosson and several singing pieces by the Twechar Male Voice Party brought an added blessing.

The switch-over from W.F.M.S. to N.F.M.S. will, we realize, take some time to adjust itself, but we are confident that with the added interest and attendance of our menfolk greater things will be accomplished in the interests of missions.

MRS. ELLEN ROBERTSON
Superintendent of Study

Mississippi—September 1

The climax of the twenty-fifth convention of the Mississippi Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society held at Meridian was the closing service. After the installation of the newly elected officers, Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, brought a challenging message based on the three statements found in the first chapter of Romans: "I am debtor," "I am ready," and "I am not ashamed."

The Mississippi District is moving ahead. Many of the churches reported the General Budget overpaid. Mrs. J. D. Saxon, who has served so faithfully this past year, was re-elected district president.

MRS. SARA MOORE, Reporter

Louisiana—September 1-2

The N.F.M.S. Convention was held at the District Center, Pineville, Louisiana, September 1 and 2. Dr. G. B. Williamson brought a stirring missionary message Monday night.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson, wife of District Superintendent Johnson from the Southwest Oklahoma District, gave a good report of their trip to Cuba and Alaska.

Rev. Joe Pitts, our missionary to the Philippines, was present to stir our hearts and to report his soon return to this needy field.

We were especially blessed as Mrs. Dodd made her report, after which she was re-elected for the coming year.

MRS. C. K. MCKAY, Reporter

ALABASTER CORNER

Alabaster in Puerto Rico

Our very first Alabaster Box opening in Puerto Rico totaled \$268.92. The churches had the boxes only about two months, so I feel they did very well and they seemed to like the idea.

Each church gave as follows:

Second Church	\$84.85
Barceloneta	47.00
Third Church	55.60
Carolina	42.64
Ponce	38.85

HAROLD L. HAMPTON
Puerto Rico



Elizabeth D. Hodges, Editor
2923 Troost Ave., Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

DEAR JUNIOR FRIENDS:

Did you enjoy reading last month about the girls and boys in Peru, South America? I think you would like to hear something more about them.

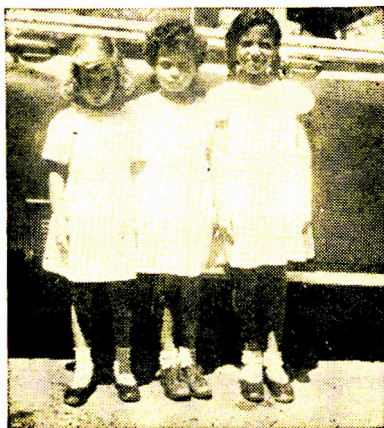
In Chiclayo, where our Bible school is located, some of the students go out each Sunday and conduct Sunday schools in four different sections. They have vacation Bible schools, also. Perhaps *you* helped these boys and girls to have lovely vacation Bible school books in their own Spanish language. You did if your offerings in your vacation Bible school were for "Pablo" (Paul) and his friends.

In one of the vacation Bible schools in Chiclayo, on the last Saturday twenty-four boys and girls came forward to the altar for the very first time and accepted Christ as their own Saviour. Their parents were not Christians, but when these boys and girls stepped out to accept Jesus they had made up their minds to be Christians no matter what they had to endure. How very happy they were that day as they stood and sang one of their favorite Guatemalan choruses: "Now while I am a child, I give my heart to God!"

And now, here is a letter to you from some of the "Juniors' own Missionaries"—our wonderful friends, the Hamptons, in Puerto Rico. During April, you will be studying more about the country of Puerto Rico in your Junior Society meetings.

HELLO, DEAR JUNIORS:

First of all, in our letter today, we want to thank each Junior for his or her prayers for us during these years that we have been "your" missionaries. That has been quite a long time, too, for our Sharon was a wee baby when you first took us as your missionaries. She is now twelve years old.



Ana and her sisters

Puerto Rico is a very beautiful country. In some places it makes us think of Coban, Guatemala, and in others we think we are back in British Honduras again. The island belongs to the United States and, while everyone speaks Spanish, many can speak English as well.

We have many wonderful Nazarenes in Puerto Rico and our fine pastors are all interested in winning souls for the Lord here.

I am sure that you want to know something about the little girls in our picture. They are three little sisters who attend our Sunday school in our Third Church of the Nazarene here in San Juan. Wouldn't you be happy to have two little sisters to play with, as Ana (the largest) has? Well, Ana has thirteen brothers and sisters in her home. What a fine family they are! The whole family—Mamma, Daddy, and all the children—come to church. Her three oldest sisters are grown-up young ladies now. They are a great help in the church. Mary, Ana's oldest sister, is the Sunday-school superintendent. Ana is in the Sunday-school class that I teach. Her younger sisters are in the Primary class.

Pray for Ana and her sisters, and the many other wonderful boys and girls in our Sunday schools. God bless all the Juniors.

Sincerely, your missionaries,

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD HAMPTON

Here is your "hidden message." These are the words of the wise King Solomon. Begin with the first letter of the line below, and skip one letter each time. (Use every other letter.) If you have done it correctly you will find the same message the Bible gives in Proverbs 20:11a. (Don't look it up until you have finished working out the message.)

The Secret Message

Egvoekn iah crhlnlsdm ifso kqnaorwpybrys haicseu
dwoaifnzgrs

Always your friend,

VASHTI B. MCGRAW

Have you seen the pictures of missionary boys and girls on pages 8 and 9? These children are growing up on the mission field, where their parents are working for God. Perhaps you have seen their fathers and mothers sometime when they spoke at your church or your District Assembly.

MISSION FIELD STATISTICS—December 30, 1953

Field	Mission- aries	National Workers	Converts Mem. & Prob.	Hosp.* Disps.	Patients Treated	Day Schools	Enroll- ment	Bible Schools	Enroll- ment
1. Africa	100	521	7,459	24	157,929	82	5,937	1	26
2. American Indians	1 (36)	12	812	1		Combined with B.		1	18
3. Argentina	11	27	591					1	35
4. Australian Aborigines	2*	1*	28*						
5. Barbados	4	25	1,217						
6. Bolivia	4	28	590	1	686	16	606	1	8
7. British Guiana	2	11	193						
8. British Honduras	11	33	1,487	2	2,506	11	305	1	10
9. Cape Verde Islands	8	14	1,035	1	2,000			1	9
10. China (now closed)									
11. Cuba	6	12	145					1	30
12. Guatemala	16	44	1,053	2	3,056	4	145	2	19
13. Haiti	6	16	681	2	1,633	3	100	1	10
14. Hashemite King.—Jordan	3	19	139	1	137	2	220		
15. India	25	80	1,781	3	8,144	5	357	1	24
16. Israel	2		3						
17. Italy	2	3	192						
18. Japan	10	50*	5,014*			8*	732*	1*	17*
19. Korea		17	1,440						
20. Central Mexican		70	2,203	2	1,137			1	10
21. North Mexican		56*	2,806*					1	14
22. Southeast Mexican		38	2,113	2	2,780	1		1	
23. Southwest Mexican	1 (9)	23	1,254	1	450				
24. Texas Mexican	1 (4)	13	237					1	31
25. Nicaragua	14	26	545	1	1,175	4	126	1	17
26. Peru	15	37	2,749			2	109	1	25
27. Philippine Islands	7	18	533	1	320			1	37
28. Puerto Rico	2	5	313			2	95		
29. Syria	3	29	111			3	379		
30. Trinidad	6	9	170			1	25	1	24
Totals	262	1,237	36,894	44	181,953	143	9,136	20	364

Paranthetical figures indicate additional Nazarene workers not under contract.

*1952 figures used. No report received this year.

March, 1954

LOCATION OF NAZARENE INDIAN AND MEXICAN MISSIONS OR CHURCHES

